

## CRUSADES AGAINST ART

Social Purity Society Moves Against Decollette Dress at the Opera.

## SOCIETY LADIES INDIGNANT

Mrs. Grannis Will Not Interfere with Living Pictures Save as They Appear in the Boxes at the Grand Opera. Remarkable Police Activity.

By the United Press.

New York, Nov. 30.—Two crusades have begun in this city, one by the police against the living pictures presented at different theaters, and another by certain women, headed by Mrs. Elizabeth B. Grannis, against the mode of dress popular among attendants at the opera.

Police Captain Max Schmittberger, who presides over the Tenderloin district, sent out some of his policemen last night to gaze upon the thinly clad feminine charms on exhibition in various places of amusement in the district.

The managers of theaters where living pictures are presented declare that they are willing that any society or person may make the fullest investigation, even if it be Captain Max Schmittberger, the policeman who in under indictment for levying blackmail upon women of the town. The crusade against living pictures in the theaters was started by some advanced advocates of social purity. The alert New York police, alert to forestall all sorts of reformers now since the Lexow committee exposures and the late election, determine to precipitate themselves against the fad and prove their delicacy and virtue.

But, alas for human foresight of the metropolitan police grade! Superintendent Byrnes, Inspector Conlin and Captain Schmittberger had scarcely decked themselves in the borrowed plumes of the London "Prudes on the Prowl" and quittedly moved against the women who compose the living pictures, than they found that they had oversteered the mark. For years the police led a crusade against the unfortunate women of the town, but it was a crusade for plunder.

All the world has been made acquainted with their prowls in that direction, and it is perhaps for that reason, if nothing else, that the best women of the city, the leaders in culture and purity, are not supplementing the present prowl.

Mrs. E. B. Grannis, a leader in the social purity movement, has declared that the pictures are not objectionable, and already her protest against the leonine prudes of the police has borne fruit in an expression of gratitude from those women who make their living by appearing in animate representations of famous works of art.

This move of the police, however, has set Mrs. Grannis and, as the latter says, other women of the Society for the Promotion of Purity in other directions. They say that they intend to compel change of dress among the social leaders at the opera. Mrs. Grannis declares that she and others have taken notes at the opera recently of the manner in which the women of prominent families were dressed, and that another force will be at the Metropolitan opera house tonight for the same purpose. She says she will compel the police to take action if a change in the mode of dress is not made.

Began with the Billboards.

The movement started several months ago by the defiance of parties of partly clothed women on the billboards by the small boy. From this the attention of the police was turned to the living pictures, and steps were taken to put a stop to them, but there is no reference in the penal code to this style of display. The only law which could be construed to bear on the case was Sections 317 and 318 of the penal code, which relate to the suppression of all placards of a lewd nature and all displays which are disgusting.

Superintendent Byrnes and Inspector Conlin believed that this could be made to apply, and officers were sent out to get evidence. Captain Schmittberger, of the "Tenderloin," in whose precinct most of the alleged objectionable displays are made, was directed to go from place to place and view the pictures himself and report to the superintendent. The captain did this last Monday night, and on Tuesday morning he applied to Justice Hogan for warrants for the arrest of several managers. Justice Hogan declined, as he did not consider a policeman sufficiently expert in art to judge such a delicate question. He therefore advised the captain to interest the Society for the Promotion of Purity and let them act in the matter.

Several well known society women today expressed their indignation at the remarks made by Mrs. Grannis in criticizing the toilettes worn at the opera, which she characterized as more indecent than the living pictures exhibited in the theaters. A very prominent society woman when seen today in relation to the subject, said:

"It is simply outrageous, to say the least, to have these public remarks and comparisons made on the women who represent the best and wealthiest families in New York. From time immemorial women, wherever they have appeared in Europe, either at the court or public balls, have always appeared in low evening gowns. The comparison drawn between the wealthiest women of this city and the women who appear in the living pictures is beyond ridicule. I have attended the opera for many years, and not once have I ever seen any one immodestly dressed."

Will Look After Society People.

Mrs. E. B. Grannis announces today that she has turned her attention to what she calls the immodest way in which prominent society people dress at the opera.

"Their low neck gowns," she said, "are extremely indecent and disgusting, and do not have, by any means, a salutary influence on those who desire to follow and copy these leaders of fashions. It is right there that reform is needed, and if I cannot induce these prominent people to change their costumes, so as to conform with good morals and sound judgment in dress, I will bring the matter to the attention of the police."

"At last evening's performance of the opera I had several watchers on hand who took notes on the manner in which these people were dressed. From their

reports it is simply disgusting." Mrs. Grannis intimated that she, too, would become a watcher at tonight's performance, and make an investigation for herself. The result of her watch she would make known tomorrow, and then if society people would not heed her warning she would force the police to act in the matter. There is a law, she said, which calls for the suppression of all immodest exposures having a tendency to corrupt public morals.

## PRINCETON'S TIGERS.

List of the Players Who Will Face Yale's Eleven Today.

By the United Press.

Princeton, Nov. 30.—The Princeton Foot team came here at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The final line up of the team was not decided until today. The team will face Yale tomorrow in the following order:

Left end, Brown; left tackle, Holly; left guard, Wheeler; center, Riggs; right guard, Rhodes; right tackle, Taylor; right end, Cochran; quarter-back, Ward; half-back, Rosenberger; left half-back, Poe; full back, Trenchard.

## MR. BAYARD'S TABLE TALK.

Our Minister to England Gracefully Compliments the Queen and the Scottish Corporation.

By the United Press.

London, Nov. 30.—Thomas F. Bayard, United States Ambassador, presided this evening at the annual dinner of the London Scottish corporation. In his toast to the Queen, Mr. Bayard said: "After practice of domestic virtue and dignified private life entitle her justly to the affection of her own people and all civilized mankind the world over." (Cheers.)

In proposing the health of the Prince and Princess of Wales, mentioned by their Scotch titles, the Duke and Duchess of Rothesay, the ambassador said: "This is a reminder that the kingdom is yet a union. (Cheers.) The three-fold bond is the rose, the thistle and shamrock. Such a union will not be broken easily."

Part of his toast to the corporation was: "I admit that I am an alien and a stranger in such an assembly, touched by a common impulse and influenced by a common feeling. Yet I can regard it as a selection that I am called to the place of honor in the celebration. Charity concerns all mankind. It is a moral force swaying the human heart under all circumstances. In the United States men live under a written constitution, which has the effect of staying the forces of mere members and restraining the passions of mere majorities, and controls the accidental results of legislative power. Hence the saying in the United States that the constitution is intended to protect minorities. So associations like the corporation can be regarded as moral constitutions protecting those whom fate has placed in distress, from the storms of adversity."

## BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

Court Rules That a Marriage Contract Should Be Business Like.

By the United Press.

Boston, Nov. 30.—The full bench of the supreme court today sent down a decision sustaining the exceptions of the defendant in the famous Van Houten case, breach of promise case, in which Miss Van Houten secured a verdict of \$40,000 against A. P. Morse, of Cambridge. Mr. Morse is 70 years old, while the plaintiff is considerably younger.

The decision contains rulings never before made in this state, and distinctly lays down for the first time the rule that marriage contracts are to be regarded in the same light as business contracts, and further, that false representations by either party, unprompted by inquiry of facts material to the contract are to be considered by the jury in making up its verdict.

Miss Van Houten, the plaintiff, came here from Spokane, Wash., in 1890. She sued for \$60,000 and was awarded \$40,000.

## MAY CHALLENGE YALE.

If Princeton Is Defeated the Pennsylvania Football Team Will Offer to Play the Winners.

By the United Press.

Philadelphia, Nov. 30.—A rumor was freely circulated here today to the effect that the University of Pennsylvania Football team had decided to send a challenge to Yale, in order to settle all disputes as to the championship, but it was decided to take no action on the question of again challenging Yale until the result of the Princeton-Yale game tomorrow was known; then a meeting of the Athletic association will be called to decide upon the subject.

Of course should Princeton be victorious tomorrow there would be no occasion for sending a challenge to Yale as the University has already administered an overwhelming defeat to the Tigers.

## OFFICIALS GO TO JAIL.

The Fidelity Loan Magnates Are Incarcerated at Pittsburgh.

By the United Press.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 30.—The efforts of Attorney Henry and Judge Moulton to get bail for their clients, Andrew Wall, R. H. Mitchell and H. J. Holden, officials of the Fidelity Building, Loan and Investment association, have proved futile.

This afternoon they were transferred from the Central police station to the county jail on commitments issued by Magistrate Dougherty.

## Cholera on the Wane.

By the United Press.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Secretary Mendonca, the Brazilian minister, today received the following cablegram from his government at Rio Janeiro in regard to the report of cholera epidemic in some states of Brazil: "Epidemic declining. No new cases."

## KEYSTONE VIGNETTES.

Frank Gilbert, of Gilbertville, Berks county, caught a 25-pound wild cat in a trap.

Survivors of the Seventh regiment, Pennsylvania Reserve corps, held a reunion at Carlisle.

Paul Naule was snatched to death in a coal bin at the Philadelphia and Reading storage yard, at Landisville.

Henry Miller, a chicken thief in the Boston jail, who had been declared a lunatic, acknowledged, after he was put through a scientific test and declared sane, that he had been feigning insanity.

## BULLETS IN A COURT ROOM

Moonshiner Dissents from a Witness' Testimony by Shooting Him.

## THE JUDGE DUCKED HIS HEAD

And the Jury, Too, Sought Cover Until the Cruel War Had Ended in the Fatal Wounding of the Bluegrass Witness.

By the United Press.

Pittsburg, Nov. 30.—A special to the Dispatch from Mt. Sterling, Ky., says: Tragic scenes, unparalleled in the history of the American bar, took place Thanksgiving day in the United States court room in this city. Court opened quietly, but with a tense present expected trouble before the session was over, and adjourned amid the flying of bullets and the frightened cries of flying spectators. The man whose testimony precipitated the conflict will die, while his assailant is now in jail awaiting trial for his cold-blooded crime.

Lee Sturgill, of Elliott county, was on trial for moonshining, and United States Commissioner Thomas F. Rodgers was on the bench. The arrest of Sturgill was brought about through the enmity of neighbors. Elliott county has its feud, and Sturgill is a leader of one of the factions. A score of witnesses about equally divided between the factions were summoned, and trouble had already occurred between these men. The feeling was intensely bitter, and the court room was crowded with partisans.

The Battle Commences.

Green Atkins, one of Sturgill's lieutenants, the third witness for the defense, mounted the stand, was sworn and awaited interrogation. Immediately Charles Watkins, of Carter county, arose from his seat, and amid death-like stillness, walked deliberately up the court room and inside the railings, taking a position just behind Sturgill and opposite Atkins, upon whom his eyes glared in a significant manner.

Atkins returned the look of hatred and smiled contemptuously, but his hand dropped to his gun pocket nevertheless. He had been warned that Watkins would shoot him if he gave certain testimony, but this did not deter him. He answered promptly the commissioner's questions, and was explaining a statement he had made when Watkins, with a cry of rage, drew his pistol and rushed forward. Atkins drew also and the bullets flew in all directions, causing a stampede. Lawyers, spectators, the jury and the court went to cover precipitately, while the ladies present rent the air with screams. Atkins and Watkins fought like demons, overturning chairs and tables and scattering stationery until every bullet was gone, when United States Marshal Paul Pouch seized Watkins just as Atkins dropped to the floor unconscious.

## Talk of Lynching Now.

Watkins was hurried to the county jail, the officers fighting off Atkins' friends while surgeons were summoned for the wounded man. It was found that one bullet entered his abdomen, and recovery is impossible. Atkins has a wife and children living in Elliott county near the home of Sturgill, whose witness he was. Watkins is badly beaten up, but otherwise unhurt as yet.

Atkins' friends are wild with rage, and swear they will kill Watkins. The latter claims that the dying man perjured himself on the witness stand. Watkins lives near the home of Oscar Morton, who was lynched at Battysville recently. The Sturgill faction is talking of another lynching.

## HUNTING FOR GERMS.

Inspector Knapp of State Board of Health at Montrose.

Montrose, Nov. 30.—Medical Inspector Knapp, of the state board of health came here on Wednesday evening and on Thanksgiving day, in company with members of our local board of health and some of the resident physicians, made a tour of the town for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, the cause of the recent epidemic of typhoid fever.

Several places that might breed sickness were pointed out to the inspector, and he also took water from the wells and the city supply to test. He will make his report in a few days.

## RESULT OF A QUARREL.

Three People Fatally Injured by Bullets from Revolver.

By the United Press.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Frederick Freisch, residing at 430 North Ashland avenue, quarreled with his son-in-law, Theodore Eckhardt, today, the quarrel developing into a fight between the men. Freisch's daughter, Lena, seeing that her husband was getting the worst of the encounter, drew a revolver and fired at her father.

The latter snatched the revolver from her hands and shot both the daughter and her husband in the head, inflicting fatal injuries. He then fatally shot himself in the head. All three were taken to the hospital.

## THREE NEGROES BURNED.

They Set a Guard House on Fire and Perish in the Flames.

By the United Press.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 30.—Three negroes, prisoners, were burned to death in the guard house at Polkton, N. C., shortly after midnight yesterday. The building was all of wood and burnt very rapidly.

After the house burned down, the charred remains were taken from the embers. Evidently the negroes tried to burn their way out, and losing control of the fire brought upon themselves their own destruction.

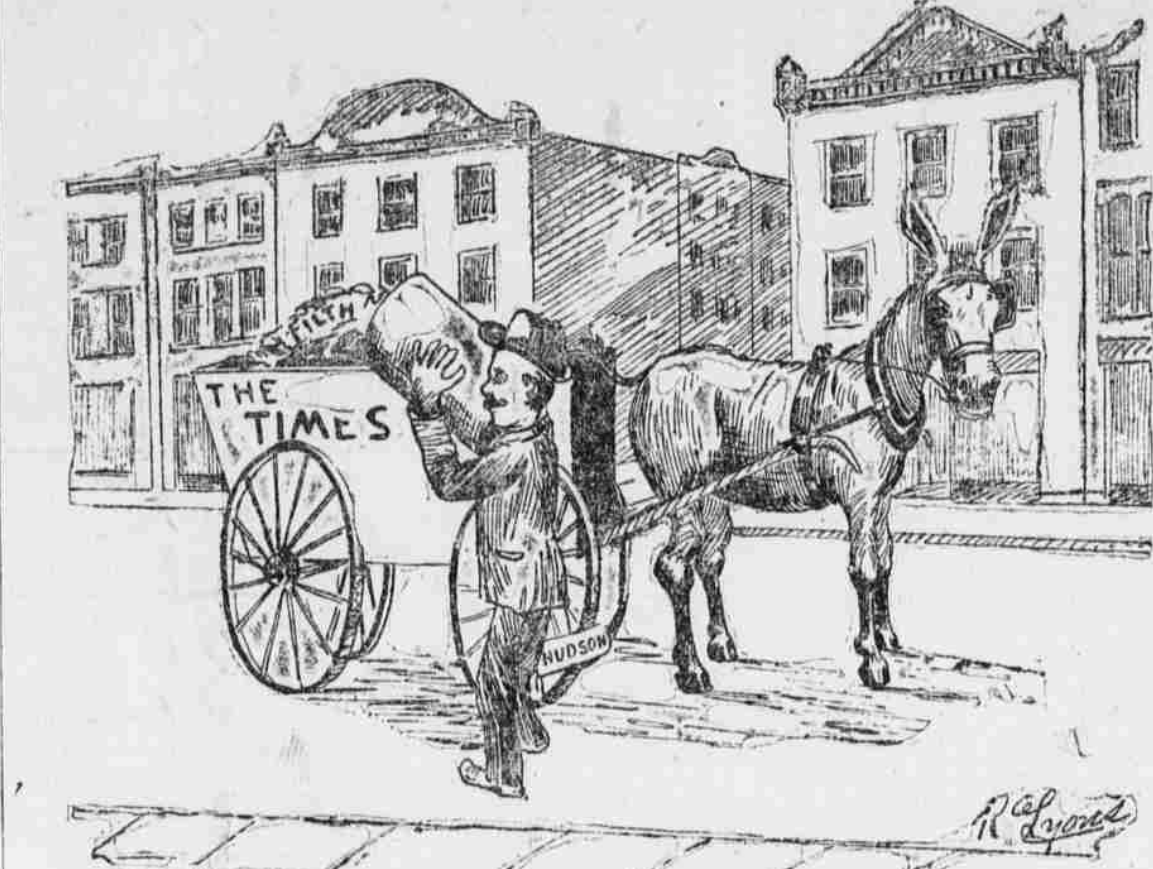
## DO NOT DESIRE SCALPS.

Colorado Indians Are Upon Their Fall Hunting Trips.

By the United Press.

Washington, Nov. 30.—A telegram was received at the war department today from General McCook, commanding the department of Colorado, stating that affairs in Utah were quiet and he says there is no occasion for alarm.

The Indians, the dispatch states, are on their fall hunting trip.



The Scullion of the Alley Has a Busy Day.

## HAS SEELY GONE TO CANADA

When Last Seen the Clerk Was Traveling North.

## BAKER'S STRONG BOX EMPTY

Lawyers and Relatives Are Surprised to Find the Deposit Safe Devoid of Contents—The Mystery of the Man's Suicide Continues to Deepen.

By the United Press.

New York, Nov. 30.—Edward A. Bruen and Superintendent W. W. Morrison, of the Pullman car service of the Erie railroad, here a change is made for Montreal and Toronto on the Grand Trunk railroad and from this point they could not trace him any further.

The third of Baker's safe deposit boxes in which it was hoped that so much evidence would be found, was opened today at the Park Safe Deposit company and it was found to be quite empty. The Baker family appeared even more surprised than the lawyers.

Lawyer Ogden said that the fact of the box being empty only deepened the mystery and he was more positive now that there were more than two persons implicated in the robbery. Frederick Baker when seen today had nothing to say more than that he was sure his father was innocent and that he hoped to prove it.

It was learned at the Park Safe Deposit company that the late Frederick Baker had visited the vaults and opened his section Friday, the day before his death. None of his family had visited the place since, except on the day when the first box was opened and today.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 30.—Samuel C. Seely, defaulting book-keeper of the New York Shoe and Leather bank, is said to have been seen taking dinner in a restaurant in this city today.

## REPLY LETTER DESIRED.

The French Government Desires an International Stamp.

By the United Press.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Postmaster General Russell has received from the French government a request to enter into an agreement with that country whereby they could send a letter from there with a prepaid reply. They would, of course, agree to accept a similar plan on the part of the United States.

In the international service the letter would cost 10 cents for the original and the reply and in the domestic service of France it cost 6 cents for the whole letter. The United States is not asked to use the letter in its domestic service, but simply to receive it and recognize the prepaid reply so it could be sent back to France.

Mr. Russell is in favor of an international stamp, and it is expected that in a short time he will decide as to the merits of the plan.

## BAHENS' SPINE INJURED.

The Georgetown Faculty Will Allow No More Football Games.

By the United Press.

Washington, Nov. 30.—G. L. Bahen, the half-back who was disabled in the Georgetown College-Columbia Athletic club foot ball game in this city on Thanksgiving Day, proves to have sustained a serious spinal injury. An unfounded rumor of his death was circulated today. The other Georgetown men who were injured yesterday are doing well.

There will be no more foot ball contests between two teams, as the faculty of Georgetown university has decided to prohibit it in future.

## COLONIZATION SCHEME.

Pittsburg Farmers, Gardeners and Mechanics, Emigrate to North Carolina.

By the United Press.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 30.—One of the largest colonization schemes that has been organized in this vicinity has been organized by an Albion firm with Tom Johnston & Co. in charge. With the financial backing they now have, the new colony is expected to prove

## GAS MOTOR FOR CARS.

Tried in Germany and Much Better Than the Trolley.

By the United Press.

Washington, Nov. 30.—According to a report to the state department from Frank Maron, United States consul general at Dresden, the development of the gas motor as a means of propelling street cars is progressing in Germany to a point where they may reasonably be expected to displace all other motors, even electric, on average railroads.

At \$1.95 per 1,000 for gas the supply costs 1.75 cents per car mile, and the initial cost of the car does not differ much from that of a new horse car with its complement of horses. The gas reservoir station for a large line occupies but small space and can be managed by one or two men, and the cars when not in service consume nothing. One cleaning a week suffices for the machinery, and 5 per cent. covers the annual repairs of a car, which should outlast two or three outfits of horses. The system seems to be admirably adapted to lines having large fluctuations in volume of traffic, as, unlike electric power, the gas consumption is exactly proportionate to the work required.

## THIEVES FORM A CLUB.

Unique Organization for Plunder Uncovered by the Police.

By the United Press.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—The police have discovered an organized thieves' association and arrested ten of its members. The association was organized for the purpose of systematically burglarizing residences, and was styled the "Thieves' Protective and Mutual Benefit club." Only men who had been convicted of crime were eligible as members, who numbered about twenty. All plunder was divided equally. The club had a president, secretary, treasurer and sergeant-at-arms.

Police officers located the club house and by lying on the roof of the hut several hours learned the password which gained them admission, and also the plans of the inmates. Over \$400 worth of stolen property was found in the cottage.

## OBJECT LESSON IN TARIFF.

Difference in Revenue-Raising Powers of McKinley and Gorman-Wilson Bill.

By the United Press.

Washington, Nov. 30.—That the Gorman-Wilson tariff bill would be a failure in raising revenue has been asserted from the beginning. It is three months today since the bill went into effect, and under it there has already been a deficit of \$31,246,792, while for the same period under the McKinley bill there was a surplus of \$4,302,576.

For the first three months of the McKinley bill the receipts were \$99,067,012, and under the Gorman-Wilson bill but \$61,334,276. The expenditures of the government during the first three months of the McKinley bill were \$94,194,136, and under the Gorman-Wilson bill for the same period \$92,831,178. The figures tell their own story.

## IRWIN WAIVES HEARING.

The Chances Are That His Bail Will Not Be Increased.

By the United Press.

Pittsburg, Nov. 30.—George M. Irwin has waived a hearing for trial at the December term of court on all criminal charges now preferred against him. This step was taken this morning by Irwin's counsel after a prolonged consultation by attorneys interested on both sides of the case.

Irwin is now under bonds of \$10,700, which is furnished by the Mercantile Trust company, of Pittsburg. The chances are that his bail will not be increased, even if other informations are preferred against Irwin.

## Eight Hours at Reading Shops.

Reading, Pa., Nov. 30.—The Reading company posted notice at all of its shops today that on and after tomorrow the employees will work but eight hours a day. The machine shops have been working five days of ten hours and the car shops six days of ten hours.

## Ex-Senator Brown Dead.

By the United Press.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 30.—Ex-Senator Joseph E. Brown died today. He was Georgia's war governor; was chief justice of the supreme court, and was, since the war, United States senator. He has been in feeble health for some time. He was 72 years of age.

## WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, conditions favorable for showers; warmer, winds mostly southeast.

## CHINESE-JAPANESE WAR

Terms of Peace Said to Have Been Almost Arranged.

## LI HUNG BECOMES DANGEROUS

Fears Are Entertained That He Will Place Himself at the Head of a Large Army. Foreigners in the Flowery Kingdom Are Gaining Confidence.

By the United Press.

London, Nov. 30.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Chefoo says that terms of peace between China and Japan have been almost arranged through the intervention of the United States, and that the feeling of security is now so strong that foreign women are returning to Peking.

A dispatch from Shanghai received today says that great excitement prevails in naval circles there in consequence of the departure of British warships from that port under sealed orders. The presence of three British cruisers opposite the estuary of the Yangtze-Kiang is held to show that Great Britain has decided to do more than to forestall her rivals in the east and to obtain a voice in the settlement to be arrived at between Japan and China.

The dispatch also says that fears are increasing that Li Hung Chang will place himself at the head of the army which he has created for his own purposes. Thousands of troops are reported to be arriving from different parts of the country for service under him.

## REQUISITION NOT HONORED.

John D. Rockefeller and Others Will Not, Therefore, Have to Go to Texas to Stand Trial.

By the United Press.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 30.—Governor Flower today received a requisition from Governor Hogan, of Texas, asking for the issue of requisition papers for John D. Rockefeller and other leading capitalists connected with the Standard Oil company, who have been indicted in Texas for combining to keep up the price of petroleum in that state in violation of the trade laws of that state. In answer the governor's private secretary wrote the following reply:

"The papers accompanying the requisition seem to be incomplete, the affidavit verifying the application for the requisition not being signed by the affiant. A protest was filed against the requisition some days ago averring that the case was not clear proof ought to be furnished that the supposed fugitives were in Texas and departed therefrom after committing the offense alleged against them."

## BONDS GOING LIVELY.

Agents of the Syndicate Have Sold \$14,000,000 of the Bonds.

By the United Press.

New York, Nov. 30.—The Stewart bond syndicate deposited \$3,529,023 gold in the sub-treasury on bond account today, making a total of \$47,771,516 gold deposited.

The agents of the syndicate have sold between 12,000,000 and 14,000,000 of the bonds, and the demand still continues heavy.

## JAKE MEANS BUSINESS.

By the United Press.

Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 30.—Jake Gaudaur, the carman, announces that after the Texas regatta he will go to England and compel Sullivan to row him or forfeit the English championship.

## MINOR WIRINGS.

Burglars at the Ticonderoga (N. Y.) postoffice got \$500 and a lot of valuable papers.

The violent death of William McMahon, a friend, drove Jacob Kroner, of New York, insane.

Because his wife thrashed him often, John Windisch, of New Britain, Conn., committed suicide.

In search of 3,000,000 mythical dollars, a diver has been probing the bottom of a Hartford (Conn.) pond.

A train killed four unknown young tramps asleep on the railroad between Elmira, Cal., and Sacramento.

A huge ship canal from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic is favored by the deep water ways convention at Toronto.

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